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News For And About The Libraries Of Northeast Nebraska

July/August 2012

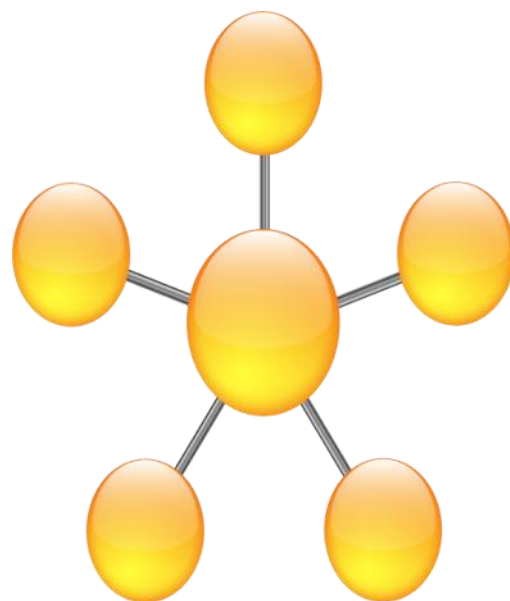
Your Library as a Connecting Point

By Jessica Chamberlain

We've been hearing the saying "Do more with less" for awhile now. Our libraries have more technology than ever before, are helping more patrons, doing more paperwork and constantly working to stay up-to-date. Many libraries are doing this with less staff, less money and only the same amount of time as they had before. How do our libraries thrive while facing these challenges? Many of our northeast Nebraska libraries already are vibrant community centers where patrons go to connect with information, reading materials and other people. However, even a vibrant library cannot be all things to all people. Time and money constraints simply don't allow it. What all libraries can be are connecting points to the wealth of resources in our communities.

For example, if your library wanted to provide computer classes, but didn't have the staff to provide this training, here are some questions to consider: Is there an organization you could reach out to that would help you deliver this service? Could you partner with your local high school to recruit student volunteers as computer helpers? If you paid for a professional teacher to come to your library and teach a class, could you partner with the senior center to share the cost? Have you approached your Chamber of Commerce or Economic Development folks? They know that computer skills are essential job skills these days. Maybe they know someone that could teach a class for you or provide a connection that you didn't have before.

Computer classes are just one example. Maybe you wish you could provide teen programs, job-related resources or bilingual services. Consider what you wish you could provide to your patrons and spend a few minutes brainstorming a list of people and organizations that could help you deliver this service to your community. This would be a great activity for a staff meeting or your county library association meeting. And once you have that list, follow up on it by approaching those people and organizations. When you meet with someone who is a potential connecting point for your library, clearly explain what your library is looking for. Let them know how you think they can help, but be open to their ideas too. The best connections are ones where both parties benefit, so be flexible and remember that your goal is to provide the best possible service to your community. ♦



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Northeast News

Creighton Begins Library Wagon and Creates Storytime Cloud

Pictures submitted by Lindsay Nelson, Creighton Public Library Director

Looking for a new way to engage kids and reach out to the community, library director Lindsay Nelson hit on the idea of a Library Wagon. A simple red wagon packed with books can now be seen rolling down the sidewalks of Creighton. Wagon delivery of library books started this May. Lindsay said, "I travel to several day-cares and parks throughout the week. They get to check out books and I read a story to them. We all love it so far." Lindsey reported that, as of the end of June, Children's and Young Adult books circulation has almost tripled. Sounds like a win-win for the library and the community.



The Creighton Public Library also created a "cloud" for kids to play in for the Summer Reading Program. The "cloud" was created by taping two painting tarps together and putting a fan at one end to fill it with air. It's been the talk of the town and a big hit with the kids.



Name Change for Oakdale Library

Story submitted by Judy Hershberger, Oakdale Public Library Director

The Oakdale Public Library is changing its name to the Lois Johnson Memorial Library. A special event will be held at the library on July 13th to honor Mrs. Johnson and celebrate the library's new name. Mrs. Johnson purchased the building that houses the library, renovated it and then donated it to the village of Oakdale. The Friends of the Oakdale Public Library and the Oakdale Library Board sought the name change to honor Mrs. Johnson and her long-time service to and support of the library.



Pat on the Back Awards

An award was given to **Doris Broekemeier**, the substitute librarian of the Pilger Public Library, for her exceptional service to the library and her willingness to give extra time at a moment's notice.



An award was also given to **Peg Webster**, a library aide at Wayne Community Schools, for her incredible help weeding all three school libraries. (The Wayne Community Schools are preparing for a move from three buildings into two, which has meant consolidating three libraries into two.)

Please notify the NELS office if you have someone you would like to nominate for a "Pat on the Back!"

Central City awarded Dollar General Grant

Story submitted by Judy Marco, Children's Librarian at Central City Public Library

The Central City Public Library was recently awarded a grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. The grant is going to purchase e-Readers and e-Books to be used in the Children's Department. The library ordered 2 Nook e-Readers and is in the process of ordering a number of e-Books from Gallopade. Gallopade (<http://www.gallopade.com/>)



offers e-books in 3 different classifications: books for individual use, books for classroom use, and books with an unlimited use license for 5 years. The unlimited use license allows a library to download the book multiple times, with multiple patrons downloading it at the same time. The Central City Public Library chose to purchase the unlimited use licenses with the e-books it is purchasing through this grant. Judy Marco reported, "It is more expensive, but we felt it was the best fit for our needs. I am excited to get it all set up."

To find out more about Dollar General Literacy Foundation grants, visit:

http://www2.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/grant_programs.aspx

Performer Database

The Northeast Library System is still actively building the Performer Database. If you have an excellent performer, author or speaker at your library this summer, [let us know!](#)

BTOP Open Houses

Forty-four public libraries in northeast Nebraska are part of the BTOP (or [Library Broadband Builds Nebraska Communities](#)) grant. The following libraries have had Open Houses to welcome the community into their new computing centers and to highlight the services the public can access through the library.

- Schuyler Public Library—May 10, 2012
- Osmond Public Library—May 23, 2012
- Niobrara Public Library—May 23, 2012
- O'Neill Public Library—June 14, 2012



Osmond Public Library

If you have a piece of news or a photo you'd like to share with your fellow northeast Nebraska libraries, email it to Jessica at the NELS office! jchamberlain.nels@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

A Calendar of Upcoming Events and links to details and registration forms can be found on our website at: <http://libraries.ne.gov/nels/calendar>

July 18—NELS Board Meeting— Bloomfield Public Library

The public is invited to attend all NELS Board meetings.

Time: 10:00—12:00

Contact: Jessica Chamberlain, 800-578-1014 or jchamberlain.nels@gmail.com

July 28—Norfolk Public Library Literature Festival— Lifelong Learning Center, Norfolk

Time: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5—\$30 CE Credits: 5

See page 9 for details.

August 6—Registration opens for Basic Skills: Customer Service— Online

Class takes place from September 10– September 21.

Cost: \$10 CE Credits: 2

Registration: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventshow.asp?ProgId=10974>

August 7 - Librarians On TARGET Meeting— Stanton Public Library

Time: 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Cost: FREE CE Credits: 3

See page 10 for details.

August 15—Youth Services Workshop— Lied Battle Creek Public Library

Time: 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10 CE Credits: 4

See page 11 for details.

August 20—Registration opens for Basic Skills: Readers Advisory— Online

Class takes place from September 24—October 5.

Cost: \$10 CE Credits: 2

Registration: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventshow.asp?ProgId=10980>

August 26 - September 1—Week of Weeding

See page 12 for details.

September 5-6—Technology Planning Summer Camp 2— Divots Conference Center, Norfolk

Keep your eye on <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventshow.asp?ProgId=11407> for details of this two-day event sponsored by the Nebraska Library Commission.

September 19—NELS/NNNC Fall Conference & Annual Meeting— Lifelong Learning Center, Norfolk

Time: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$20 CE Credits: 6

See page 13 & 14 for details.

October 17-19—MPLA/NLA/NSLA Conference— La Vista

Don't miss out on this tri-conference with Mountain Plains Library Association joining the Nebraska Library Association and the Nebraska School Librarians Association! Northeast Library System Scholarships for this event will be released in August.

Registration: <http://nebraskalibraries.org/triconference2012/>

What Should We Do?

By Denise Harders, Republican Valley Library System Director

Many libraries, both school and public, are wondering what to do about their existing library automation systems. Some have older programs that will not work with new computer operating systems (i.e. Windows 7). Others have products that are no longer supported (companies have gone out of business or been purchased). And, still more are trying to decide if they are getting their money's worth with the expensive maintenance agreements that are in place. Some libraries have never automated and would like to do so now, but are confused by the dizzying number of companies and options.

Selecting an automation program or **I**ntegrated **L**ibrary **S**ystem can be time-consuming. Each library director and board need to examine a variety of products and decide what level of service the budget will allow and, within that parameter, which system will fulfill the community's needs. Systems are available with a variety of functionality in every price range.

Purchasing an ILS is an important, long-lasting, and possibly, expensive decision. Here is a list of well-known vendors in alphabetical order and their websites. Contact information is provided, as well. The prices included in this article are "ball park" figures only. Actual prices are based on many factors including the size of the collection, number of workstations, and the add-on services requested (i.e. book jacket covers, reviews, etc.) and are subject to change. Please contact the individual vendors for specific pricing for your library.

Auto-graphics, AGent VERSO: <http://www4.auto-graphics.com/>. Complete ILS with catalog access for patrons via the Internet. Recently purchased by Lexington Public Library, but their online catalog is not yet operational. No cost information available. For specific details, contact Lynn D. Shrewsbury, Midwest Sales Representative, at lds@auto-graphics.com or call (800) 776-6939 Ext. 1538.

Biblionix, Apollo: <http://www.biblionix.com/products/apollo/>. An automation system designed for small- and medium-sized public libraries. Vendor offers a free trial with a demonstration library or your own data. Service subscription prices are quoted on an individual library basis. This is a hosted system and the annual fee includes all server functionality, backups, customer support, upgrades, and access to a user forum. The local contact is Clark Charbonnet. Email him at clark@biblionix.com for more information.

Book Systems, Atrium: <http://www.atrium.net/>. Complete ILS with catalog access for patrons via the Internet. First year cost including all transition expenses, technical support and training is approximately \$2,000. This system would be hosted by Book Systems, so very little local technical support is needed. The yearly cost of \$995 includes the Customer Service Agreement (technical support), the Hosting Fee, and all upgrades. The local representative is Merideth Wilcox. Email his assistant, Catherine LaMori at clamori@booksys.com or call (800) 249-6574 Ext. 6764 for more information or to schedule a demonstration.

COMPanion Corporation, Alexandria: <http://www.goalexandria.com/>. This is the system that the consortium in the Panhandle is using. To see the catalog, go to <http://libraries.ne.gov/sidney> and click on "Library Catalog" on the right-hand side of the page. According to a recent presentation to an RVLS library, the first year cost would be around \$1,500 with a yearly Customer Service Agreement fee of nearly \$900 after the first year. For more information, email info@companioncorp.com.

Follett, Destiny: <http://www.follettsoftware.com/library-automation-software>. A centrally-installed school library software system. Can be either district-hosted with your own technical support staff or hosted by Follett. A number of small public libraries have older Follett products, but this company has specialized their ILS software and support for schools. No cost information is available. Call (800) 323-3397 for more information.

InfoVision, Evolve: http://infovisionsoftware.com/library_software.php. Complete ILS designed for maximum convenience and ease of use, the system can be accessed over the Internet or run on your own servers. For libraries with 15,000 records or less the software cost is \$2,400. Implementation and training, including 2 full days of in-house training and data conversion, is \$2,500. These expenses can be set up on an extended payment plan. The \$900 yearly maintenance fee includes hosting, all upgrades, and call-in and online technical support. This fee is negotiable for small libraries. Contact Sarah Overbey for complete pricing details at soverbey@infovisionsoftware.com or (800) 849-1655 Ext. 106.

Library Thing: <http://www.librarything.com/>. Allows anyone to create a catalog of materials for free or very low cost (unlimited materials for a one-time \$25 fee). No automated circulation system—library would use pockets and cards. Biggest benefit—patrons can see your catalog online. RVLS is in the process of adding our professional collection and audiobooks to Library Thing. See it at <http://www.librarything.com/catalog/RepValleyLibrarySys>. Sort by using the drop-down “Collections” menu in the upper left-hand corner of the page. (NELS uses this too—check us out at <http://www.librarything.com/catalog/NortheastLibrary>)

Library World: <http://www.libraryworld.com/>. Complete web-based library automation service which includes management of cataloging, circulation, patron records, inventory control, and reports. Loomis Public School uses Library World. You can access their catalog at <http://loomiswolves.org/>. Click on “Loomis Library Online” on the left-hand side of the page. New libraries are created with an automatic free 30-day trial period. Up to 50,000 catalog records and 20,000 patrons is \$425 per year. Support is provided online, via email, and through a toll-free number. Automation supplies such as barcodes and scanners are available for purchase. For further information call (800) 852-2777 or email sales@libraryworld.com.

Mandarin, M3: <http://www.mlasolutions.com/products/m3.php>. The basic M3 library management package is offered as a free download. Modules included are a patron access catalog, circulation, cataloging, and group editor. Does not include web access to the catalog unless optional product is purchased for \$260. Annual Service and Update Agreement is \$620 per site and includes the software license, reports, unlimited 24/7/365 technical support and product updates. The yearly fee for web access to the catalog is an additional \$125. The Nebraska Library Commission uses a Mandarin catalog. To see it, go to <http://nlc.nebraska.gov> and click on “NLC Catalog” at the top of the webpage. For more information, contact Arthur Graham at artg@mlasolutions.com or (800) 426-7477 Ext. 751.

Pioneer Library Automation Consortium: <http://lclpioneer.wordpress.com/>. This Nebraska group uses Koha Open Source ILS software. There are currently 16 member libraries. The intention is to be a multi-type consortium, but public libraries remain the priority for 2012. Basic membership costs include a \$250 orientation fee, a one-time database set-up fee based on the library’s number of bibliographic records (up to 25,000 records = \$750), and 15 cents per record migrated. The annual maintenance fee is based on several factors including size of legal service area, operating revenue, collection size, and circulation. The expected minimum annual payment is \$400. No server hardware is required. If you have any questions or comments about membership in the Pioneer Consortium, please contact Steve Fosselman of the Pioneer membership committee at sf@gi.lib.ne.us or 308-385-5333.

PrimaSoft Small Library Organizer Pro: http://www.primasoft.com/pro_software/library_software_pro.htm. Self-contained library software that will manage circulation, cataloging, patron records, and reports. No online catalog access for patrons. 30-day free trial. Total cost is \$245.

Thank you to Denise Harders for sharing this article with us!

Nominations Being Accepted for Awards

The New Member Round Table of the Nebraska Library Association is accepting nominations for the following awards: The **Houchen Bindery Beginning Professional Award** and the **Houchen Bindery Mentor of the Year Award**. Nomination forms can be found on the NMRT webpage:

<http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/NMRT/awards>.

Nominations must be received by September 1, 2012 and can be sent by mail or email to:

Lindsey Bray, NMRT Awards Chair

15819 Valley Street

Omaha, NE 68103

lnbray13@gmail.com

The Public Library & Trustee Section of the Nebraska Library Association is once again searching for outstanding library advocates and public librarians for the **Excalibur Award for Outstanding Public Librarian** and **PLTS Advocacy Award**. Both awards will be presented at the PLTS business meeting and luncheon during the NLA Conference in La Vista in October. Nomination instructions for each award can be found on the [PLTS Awards](http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/PLTS/awards.html) page: <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/PLTS/awards.html>.

Nominations must be submitted before August 1, 2012 and can be sent to:

Mike Caldararo, PLTS Awards Committee

Norfolk Public Library

308 Prospect Avenue

Norfolk, NE 68701

mcaldararo@ci.norfolk.ne.us

College & University Section of the Nebraska Library Association is accepting nominations for the **C&U Distinguished Service Award**. The award is presented at the business meeting at the NLA convention.

Criteria:

1. Service to academic librarianship within the last five years.
2. Active participation in the section at the time of the award.
3. Present or potential service to NLA/ACRL/ALA.

Nominations must be received by September 1, 2012 and should be accompanied by a letter of support detailing the candidate's qualifications. Send nominations along with qualifications to:

Marcia Dority Baker

Access Services Librarian

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Schmid Law Library

P.O. Box 830902

Lincoln, NE 68583-0902

mdoritybaker2@unl.edu

NELS Board Nomination

Are you, or someone you know, interested in serving on the Northeast Library System Board? We are currently seeking nominations for two representatives from a community with a population under 1,000 and one representative from a community with a population from 1,001—10,000. Board members serve a 3-year term that will begin September 19, 2012.

Who can serve on the NELS Board?

- Board members must be residents and/or employed within the 20 county Northeast Library System area.
- Board members can be representatives of public libraries, school libraries, academic libraries, special or institutional libraries.
- Board members can be library employees, library board members or library patrons.

What does the NELS Board do?

- The NELS board is the governing body of the Northeast Library System. Its function is similar to that of a public library board of trustees. Board member responsibilities include approving policies, plans and budgets, and guiding the direction of the System.
- The Board meets 6 times per year, on the third Wednesday of alternate months, in locations throughout the System area.
- Board members do not receive a salary, wage or fee for their service, but they are reimbursed for mileage when traveling to Board Meetings.

If you have any questions about serving on the NELS Board, please feel free to contact any of the current board members who are listed on the back page of the newsletter.

Please nominate yourself or someone else you think would be a valuable addition to our NELS Board!

Nomination Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

What is this person's connection to the library? (circle one)

Librarian

Trustee

Library Patron

**Please submit nominations to the
NELS Office by August 15.**

Is there anything else you'd like to tell us about this nominee?



NORFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY'S 18th ANNUAL LITERATURE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, JULY 28, 2012 / 9:00 A. M. - 4:00 P. M.
NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE / LIFELONG LEARNING CENTER
801 East Benjamin Avenue, Norfolk, NE
Funded by the Norfolk Library Foundation, the City of Norfolk, & SCYP

FEATURING:



LISA WHEELER
2013 Golden Sower Award nominee for:
UGLY PIE
<http://www.lisawheelerbooks.com/>



SHARON DRAPER
2013 Golden Sower Award nominee for *OUT OF MY MIND*
<http://sharondraper.com/>



APRIL HENRY
2013 Golden Sower Award nominee for *GIRL, STOLEN*
<http://www.aprilhenrymysteries.com/>

ALSO: 2012-2013 Golden Sower Previews by Karen Drevo & Marci Retzlaff; Book Display & Discount Sales by Norfolk Public Library Foundation of titles by Wheeler, Draper & Henry; Sales of Golden Sower Items; Autograph Session/Book Signing with Lisa Wheeler, Sharon Draper & April Henry; Door Prizes; 5 Continuing Education Hours (for all day attendance) from the Nebraska Library Commission for School & Public Librarians; 5 Professional Growth Points (for all day attendance) for Teachers/Staff employed by Norfolk Public Schools.

TICKETS: Youth (18 & under): \$5.00/advance & \$7.50/door Adults: \$25.00/advance & \$30.00/door
!Free admission for current SCYP members!

Advance tickets are available at Norfolk Public Library OR by mail order. To order tickets by mail, **send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with full payment** (write checks to "Norfolk Library Foundation--Literature Festival") to:

Literature Festival
Norfolk Public Library
308 W. Prospect Avenue
Norfolk, NE 68701

For more information, contact Karen Drevo at NPL by phone (402/844-2108) or e-mail kdrevo@ci.norfolk.ne.us

A wonderful way to spend a summer day FOR LITERATURE LOVERS OF ALL AGES!

Librarians On **TARGET**



August 7, 2012
1:00—4:00

Stanton Public Library
1009 Jackpine St., Stanton
3 CE credits—FREE

What is “Librarians on TARGET”?

It’s an informal meeting of northeast Nebraska librarians. We discuss issues and events in our libraries, we talk about important trends in libraries, and we share our knowledge with each other. All librarians, library employees and library board members are invited to attend.

Our Focus:

- Fresh program ideas, ways to fund them and how to find volunteers to help you out

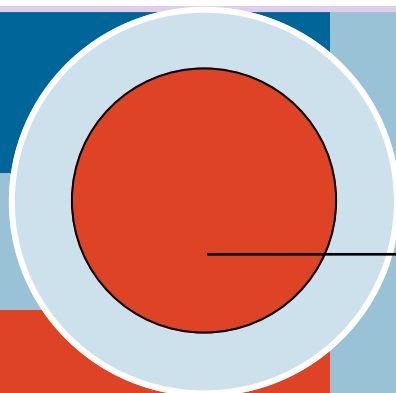
Plus:

- Booktalks —bring a book to recommend
- Round-Robin— share issues & events in your library

Contact our office or [click here](#) to let us know you’re coming!



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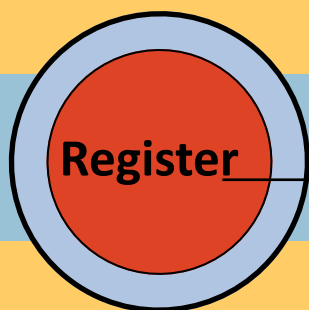


Youth Services Workshop

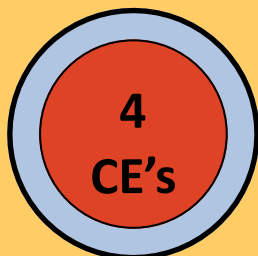
Wednesday, August 15 10 a.m.—3 p.m.

Lied Battle Creek Public Library, 100 S. 4th St., Battle Creek

- 10:00** **Every Child Ready to Read: Encouraging Early Literacy Skills —**
Odessa Meyer, South Sioux City Public Library
- 11:00** **AWE Early Literacy Station Demo—**Melissa Congden, AWE
- 12:00** **Lunch & Tour of Lied Battle Creek Public Library**
Lunch will be catered in by Jimmie John's Sandwiches.
- 1:00** **Storytelling Tips & Techniques—**Sandra Wallick, Lincoln City Libraries
Sandra will be sharing how to use multiple storytelling techniques, like clothesline stories, flannelboards, using props and more. Plus she'll share some tips on how to find what we need to create dynamic, fun storytimes on a budget.



Contact our office or [register online.](#)



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Week of Weeding

August 26–September 1

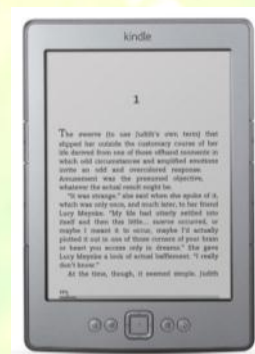
The Northeast Library System is declaring August 26-September 1, 2012 a “Week of Weeding!”

We want to encourage everyone to participate by agreeing to weed a section of their library that they have been avoiding. You know what it is—that corner, that shelf, that genre of books that you have put off weeding for awhile. Now’s the time!

ALL libraries in NELS are eligible to participate!

How to Participate:

1. Call the NELS Office (800-578-1014 or 402-564-1586) or send Jessica an email (jchamberlain.nels@gmail.com) to let us know you want to participate.
2. If you need extra encouragement or help deciding what to weed, let Jessica know. She will be visiting 5 libraries during this week to lend a helping hand.
3. After you finish your weeding project, fill out the form below.
4. Those who submit their forms to the NELS Office by September 14th will be entered into a drawing for a new Kindle Wi-fi e-Reader! The winning library will be selected in a random drawing on September 17th.



Kindle Wi-fi
6 inch E-ink screen

Week of Weeding Participation Form

Library _____

Section Weeded _____

How many books were weeded? (roughly, doesn't have to be exact) _____

Best (or worst) thing that was weeded out? _____

We'd love to see some “before & after” photos of your project! You can email digital pictures or submit printed photos with this participation form. *(While we'd love to see them, they are not required and will not affect your library's chance of winning the e-Reader.)*

Fall Library Workshop

NNNC Media Workshop + NELS Annual Meeting

September 19, 2012

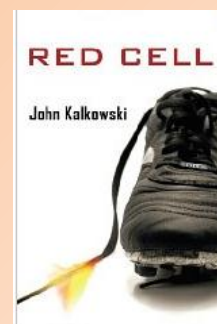
Lifelong Learning Center, 800 E. Benjamin, Norfolk

\$20 - 6 CE Credits for Public Librarians

Featuring

Keynote presentation by John Kalkowski

Mr. Kalkowski is a middle school language arts teacher in Omaha and is the author of the young adult novel [*Red Cell*](#). Book sales and signing will follow his presentation.



Remote presentation by Bruce Hale

Mr. Hale is a nationally acclaimed author of more than 25 books for children, including the popular “Chet Gecko” series. His remote presentation for us will demonstrate how a remote author visit could work in your library.

Schedule

8:30—9:00 Registration & Refreshments

9:00—9:15 Welcome & Announcements

9:25—10:15 Breakout Session 1 / NELS Board Meeting

10:25—11:15 Breakout Session 2

11:30—12:15 **Bruce Hale**

12:15—12:45 Lunch + NELS Annual Meeting

12:45—1:30 **John Kalkowski**

1:45—2:35 Breakout Session 3

2:45—3:35 Breakout Session 4

3:45—Door Prizes, Evaluations & Closing

⇒ See session descriptions on the next page.

⇒ You do not need to pre-register for any sessions.

⇒ Bring your laptops or iPads if you have them! Laptops and a computer lab will be provided, but are limited in number.

Registration

All K-12 school librarians, please register with ESU 1 at www.esu1.org.

Your school will be invoiced following the workshop.

All others please [register with NELS online](#) or by contacting the NELS office at 1-800-578-1014.

Please make checks payable to “Northeast Library System” and submit payment to the NELS Office.

Registration must be received by September 12, 2012.

Fall Library Workshop

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September 19, 2012

Lifelong Learning Center, 800 E. Benjamin, Norfolk

\$20 - 6 CE Credits for Public Librarians

Session Descriptions

Breakout Session 1

Great Reads

Rachelle McPhillips & Karen Stuart of Columbus Public Library will be sharing some great recent titles for young adults and adults.

SPICE UP your programs

Karen Drevo of Norfolk Public Library will demonstrate how to add Spanish language experiences into programs for young children.

Visual Thesaurus—Part 1

Georgia Scurlettis, from Thinkmap, returns to share ideas of using Visual Thesaurus across the curriculum.

Digital Citizenship

Gloria Christiansen from ESU 8 will present how to teach Digital Citizenship to students to learn about online safety and appropriate online behavior.

Breakout Session 2

Pinterest

Amy Mather of Omaha Public Library will show you how to showcase your library using Pinterest. If you don't already have an account, email Jessica for an invitation.

jchamberlain.nels@gmail.com

LBBNC Update & Training Opportunities Available

JoAnn McManus will provide a brief update on the Library Broadband Builds Nebraska Communities project & will discuss how participating libraries might tap into funds during the final ten months of the grant. JoAnn will also review what's happening in training in libraries.

Visual Thesaurus—Part 2

Georgia Scurlettis, from Thinkmap, will delve deeper into tools to use Visual Thesaurus across the curriculum.

Socrative

Corey Dahl from ESU 8 will introduce Socrative, a smart student response system that empowers teachers to engage their classrooms through educational exercises and games via laptops and mobile devices.

Breakout Session 3

The Craftable Library

Micki Dietrich of Omaha Public Library & Jake Rundle of Hastings Public Library will teach you how to turn your library into a hand-made how-to zone.

NebraskaAccess: WorldCat

Join Susan Knisely from the Nebraska Library Commission for a hands-on tour of her favorite database. Learn how you can use this rich resource (an online catalog describing books and other material owned by libraries around the world) for collection development, readers advisory & more!

Learn 360

Visit with session presenters about the "new" video resources for Nebraska schools. This resource will be a replacement for what is currently offered through PowerMedia Plus. Attendees will look at video content and other features available with the package.

Using Kindles in English 10 & English 12

Kim Zach will review how Lakeview Community Schools used Kindles in Eng 10 and Eng 12 this past year. She will discuss management issues, kids' likes or dislikes of the e-reader, problems with amazon.com and how LCS organized the reading.

Breakout Session 4

Golden Sower Nominees

Marci Retzlaff & Karen Drevo of Norfolk Public Library will booktalk some of this year's nominees, plus tell you how you can get involved with the Golden Sower awards.

NebraskaAccess: OmniFile Full Text Select & Biography Reference Bank

These databases have been staples in the NebraskaAccess lineup for years, but due to a change in ownership they now "look" completely different. During this hands-on session Susan Knisely from the Nebraska Library Commission will walk you through searching the new interfaces to access the familiar content - full-text magazine & journal articles and biographical information.

Learn 360

Visit with session presenters about the "new" video resources for Nebraska schools. This resource will be a replacement for what is currently offered through PowerMedia Plus. Attendees will look at video content and other features available with the package.

World Book Online

Explore how an area teacher librarian uses World Book (WB) Kids and Early World of Learning with kindergartners and parents. Discover how to use dramatic readings of plays to help students gain reading fluency, understand core concepts, and internalize content. Learn about Lexile level framework and how it corresponds with Grade level. Presenters: Eileen Bramer from Plainview Public Schools and Gloria Christiansen from ESU 8

2012 NLA/NEMA/MPLA Pre-Conference

RUN, RUN TO READING ALOUD!

Wednesday, October 17 – La Vista, Nebraska Conference Center

Featuring children's book authors

Jim Aylesworth & Lisa Campbell Ernst



And Nebraska children's book authors

Julia Cook

Ted Kooser

Preston McDaniels

& James Solheim

AGENDA

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Registration, Coffee and Book Sales

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

One Book, One School

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

The Teacher Who Became An Author
Jim Aylesworth

12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Lunch on your own

1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Nebraska Children's Book Author Panel
with Julia Cook, Ted Kooser,
Preston McDaniels and James Solheim

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*Gifts of the Universe:
Inspiration, Hard Work, and Grace*
Lisa Campbell Ernst

4:00 p.m.

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Northeast Library System Board of Trustees Minutes to May 16, 2012 meeting

While waiting for all members to arrive, Library Director Kay Schmid led a group on a tour of the Hruska Memorial library. When all had arrived, President Judy Hagan called to order the May 16, 2012 meeting of the Northeast Library System Board of Trustees at the Hruska Memorial Library in David City, NE. Roll call showed members Hagan, Michele Hastreiter, Tami Anderson, Melissa Baumert, Judy Hilkeman, Beth Foulks, Kathy Ageton, Elaine Tobias, and Joyce Sullivan in attendance, as well as System staff members Jessica Chamberlain and Shelia Cermak, Sally Snyder of the Nebraska Library Commission, and guest hostess Kay Schmid. Absent were members Dawnn Tucker, Susan Tyndall, and Audrey Loosvelt. Chamberlain announced that Cindy Simeon had resigned her position with the System board.

Chamberlain added a proposed partnership between the Northeast Library System and the Nebraska Library Commission to the agenda.

Ageton made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2012 meeting; seconded by Sullivan (Ageton – 1M, Sullivan – 2M). Unanimous approval was voiced by the rest of the Board; motion carried. Chamberlain sent around thank-you's from grant recipients.

Cermak presented the financial report, mentioning the status of the System's CD's, recent workshop reports, and 4th quarter NLC payment. Baumert moved to approve Cermak's financial report, seconded by Foulks (Baumert – 1M, Foulks – 2M). Roll call vote voiced approval; motion carried. Snyder of the Nebraska Library Commission passed around hand outs detailing current happenings at the Commission. Chamberlain circulated reports of her recent activities, verbally skimming over some of the highlights.

The Personnel Committee will be reviewing the Personnel manual. Budget Committee presented a draft of the 2012-2013 System budget. Some discussion on anticipated interest income and where to put those dollars, possible purchase of office computer equipment. The Budget Committee will meet in mid-July to finalize the budget after hearing from the Commission about final budget allotment.

Continuing Education Committee reported that four (4) scholarships were awarded to attend the Spring meetings. There will be some tweaking to the process of how the award money is disbursed. Strategic Planning will be reviewing the Strategic Plan. Technology Committee has recommended replacing the System's office computer equipment gradually. Chamberlain mentioned that the Commission may help out financially in that area; will find out more. No report from the Grant Committee; the Nominating Committee will need to find three (3) new board members.

Chamberlain and Cermak are adjusting their in-office hours, with the provision that there is a physical body in the office during open hours. There was discussion on how to disperse ballots and voting logistics for the upcoming Board elections; decision to do online except for those members with no e-mail addresses on file. Also discussion on how and when to conduct the Board's September meeting during the joint NLS/NEMA meeting in September. It was decided to do a short meeting during the lunch hour, and then conduct a working meeting during a breakout session.

Chamberlain presented the idea of a partnership between the Commission and the System to the Board. The Commission approached Chamberlain and Cermak about writing the grant for this partnership, though the Commission will also help. It's called "Smart Investing @ your library", and the goal of the grant is to help libraries provide financial literacy training and resources to their patrons. 22 libraries across the state will be chosen as financial literacy training sites.

Discussion was held on what to do with the AccuCut collection; decided to hold on to them, and do some advertising.

Hagan presented the annual review of Chamberlain's performance (EXCELLENT!!!). Ageton made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel; motion seconded by Baumert (Ageton – 1M, Baumert – 2M). All board members voted "aye". Hastreiter made a motion to come out of Executive Session; seconded by Ageton (Hastreiter – 1M, Ageton – 2M). All board members voted "yes". Foulks made the motion to give Chamberlain and Cermak a 1% pay raise; Anderson seconded the motion (Foulks – 1M, Anderson – 2M). Roll call by all members voiced approval. Motion carried.

Tobias nominated Doris Broekemeier and Sue Buryanek nominated Peg Webster for Pat-on-the-Back awards. Baumert made a motion to pay the claims of the day; seconded by Hastreiter (Baumert – 1M, Hastreiter – 2M). Roll call showed "yes"; motion carried.

Sullivan made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Hagan (Sullivan – 1M, Hagan – 2M). All members voiced "ayes". Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
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~Laura Bush

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